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**SPECIAL DISASTER RULES
FOR ACCEPTING
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
EBT BENEFITS
FOR HOT FOOD PURCHASES**

Effective immediately, retail food stores licensed by the Food and Nutrition Service to accept **SNAP benefits** in the following county within Texas under the Presidential Declaration for Individual Assistance can accept SNAP benefits in exchange for HOT foods:

Bastrop

**These special rules are in effect through
October 31, 2011.**

If hot foods are purchased with EBT benefits from September 14, 2011, through October 31, 2011, the purchases are NOT subject to sales tax, as the hot foods are considered SNAP eligible.

We encourage all SNAP authorized retail food stores in the above area listed above to post a special notice in the store letting SNAP customers know that they can use their SNAP EBT card to purchase hot foods during this period.

Thank you for helping us in aiding the survivors of this disaster.